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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
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This Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action ("Amendment") is filed in response to the non-final Office action, dated March 26, 2003. A three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before June 26, 2003. It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this filing; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required to the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal letter.

As now permitted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, this Amendment is submitted in the revised amendment format published at Official Gazette, Vol. 1267, No. 4, page 106, February 25, 2003. Accordingly, the Commissioner agrees to waive the requirement of 37 CFR 1.121(a)-(d) in connection with this Amendment.

Please amend the claims as set forth beginning on page 2. Remarks begin on page 3 of this Amendment. The Conclusion of this Amendment begins on page 5.